

NO CONCERN IS SHOWN FOR THE R. R. OUTLOOK

E. E. Loomis, Lehigh Valley Co. President, Says The Situation Is Bright

DISCUSSES QUESTION

Believes Rates Charged Have No Relation To So-Called Farmers' Problem

By W. S. Cousins
I. N. S. Financial Editor

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The problems of the railroads—if any, are not self-imposed, but consist for the most part of conditions which those outside the railroad ranks are seeking to impose on them.

This is the philosophy of E. E. Loomis, the president of Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, who told International News Service today that if the railroads are permitted to proceed along present lines, concentrating their whole effort upon the effectiveness of their service to the public, there is nothing in the situation to be feared in 1928, calculated to give the slightest concern to those interested in, and dependent upon, good transportation.

"I think the time has come," said Loomis, "when those who seek to solve the 'railroad problem' should first be compelled to explain what problem they have in mind. With the carriers giving the best service in their history, and the great bulk of the shipping and travelling public plainly manifesting general satisfaction, it is difficult to understand all he talk on the subject of a railroad problem. If there has been one in the past, it undoubtedly has been answered satisfactorily by the men who have made the service what it is today."

Loomis believes that the rates charged by the American railroads have no relation whatever to the so-called farmers' problem.

"In my opinion," he said, "even if the railroads should carry agricultural products for nothing, after a short while, what was previously paid for transportation would be completely absorbed, through the middleman between the farmer and the consumer, and thus the farmer would find himself no better off than he is today."

"On the other hand, at no time since the passage of the transportation act in 1920 have the railroads earned a fair return upon the book values of their properties. Their best showing was in 1926, when they earned 5.13 per cent., but they were \$83,000,000 behind this record in the first nine months of 1927, and it seems certain their final return for the year cannot exceed 4.75 per cent."

In the seven years since the end of government control, Loomis estimates that American railroads have failed by two and a half billion dollars to earn the fair return the transportation act provided for. Had they really had the guaranty some have mistakenly contended the law gave them, said Loomis, this staggering sum would now be due the railroads. The railroads are paying the government in taxes alone, more than a million dollars a day, considerably more than they pay in dividends to their stockholders.

A confident position on railroad prospects is also taken by Carl R. Gray, the president of the Union Pacific Railroad system. This is due in large measure to the favorable crop yields in the territory served by this road, and the large volume of railroad traffic created by abundant harvests.

"Obviously," said Gray, in reviewing the railroad situation today, "one's viewpoint about business prospects is influenced by the conditions surrounding his own business in the territory with which he is familiar. With Western railroads, which depend to so large an extent upon products of agriculture, the results of the harvests are fundamental."

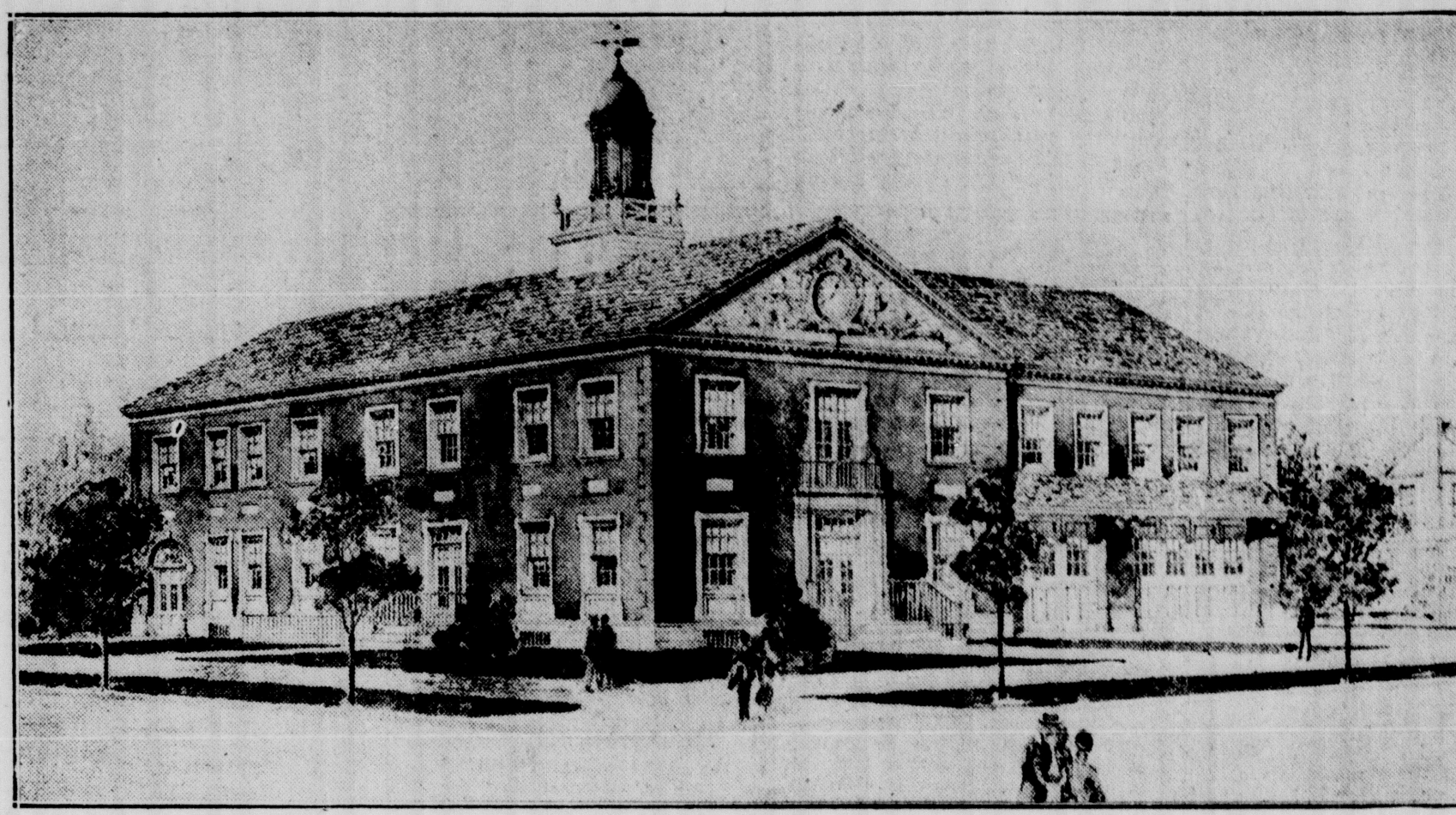
"This year we have a record crop of both wheat and corn in Nebraska, a very good corn crop in Kansas, better than a normal crop of all kinds in Colorado, Utah and Idaho. Washington and Oregon have a materially less apple crop, but the wheat production is considerably less than last year. A most unfavorable situation surrounds the lumber industry in the northwest, which is lagging, and regarding which it is difficult to estimate the immediate future."

Gray looks for a larger volume of general business in California in the first half of 1928 than in the same period this year. The live stock industry there, he says, is in better position than at any time since 1919, bank deposits are higher and credits readily available.

ARRANGE PROBE

READING, Pa., Dec. 27 (I.N.S.).—A probe was to be conducted today into the death of Frank Bolanowski, 18, an inmate of the State Reformatory at Huntingdon, who is alleged to have committed suicide. Bolanowski was found hanging in his cell after the Christmas Day dinner had been served.

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION



Hundreds Crowd Structure and Marvel at Its Completeness and Adaptability for Which It Was Designed

ARMY DESERTER FIRST PRISONER IN NEW JAIL

William Barnhart Arrested At Newport Terrace by Officer Hughes

OUT FOUR YEARS

Following a thorough search by authorities covering a period of four years a U. S. Army deserter, William Barnhart was arrested by Officer H. Lincoln Hughes, Bensalem Township, at the home of the young man's parents in Newport Terrace, last night at 6.30 o'clock.

Barnhart's escapades have covered many months, and he has eluded capture in all sections of the United States. His first offense occurred in 1923, when he deserted the Army. Following his capture he was sent to a government reservation at Panama for four years. After another escape he was taken into custody a short time after, and was sent to Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York, to serve a period of eight years. Following his second capture he with four others bent up two sentries, in August, 1923, and commenced a swim across the bay to Staten Island. Three of them drowned but Barnhart and one of his companions reached the shore in safety.

Barnhart is the only man known to escape from the reservation at Panama. Since he made his get-away from Fort Jay, N. Y., he stated he has been practically all over the United States. Last evening, following his arrest, he remarked that he had just returned from Oregon.

Officer Hughes, after being tipped off in regard to Barnhart's visit in this section, awaited till dark last evening. As he quietly approached the Barnhart home in Newport Terrace three men came from the building with flashlights probably having heard his approach. Hughes lay prone upon the ground, and 20 minutes later, moved toward the house. Then the elder Barnhart came from the structure, and asked Hughes what was wanted. The former was told to stand still and Hughes made a rush for the door which had been made secure by the placing of a chair on the inside. He entered, however, and took William Barnhart into custody. The alleged two-time deserter at first told that his name was Edward Barnhart, but later admitted his identity. According to the officer the young man had made the remark on various occasions that he always carried a .45 revolver, and he would like to meet the man who would take him the third time.

A reward of \$500 had been offered by the government for the capture of Barnhart. He is the first prisoner to be lodged in the new municipal building here. Hughes took his prisoner to the Frankford Arsenal this morning, leaving Bristol on the 11.50 train.

BLIZZARD IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 27 (I.N.S.).—Death, suffering and disrupted communications today rode in on the heels of the heaviest blizzard the British Isles have known for many years. The snow, which began late Christmas night, continued uninterruptedly until the early hours of today. For the first time in years snowfalls were used to clear the streets of London.

QUESTION ABOUT SUICIDE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (I.N.S.).—John Hoffman, will be questioned today by police in an effort to solve the mysterious suicide of Miss Mary E. Gamble, West Philadelphia chemist, who swallowed several poison tablets while Hoffman was a visitor at the woman's home. Miss Gamble was reported to have been despondent because she was away from home over the holidays.

LATEST NEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (I.N.S.).—Two youths were injured, one possibly fatally, here early today when they were struck by a hit-and-run motorist. The victims, John Haines, Phoenixville and Charles Singley, this city, were picked up by a taxicab driver and taken to the Methodist Hospital. Haines is believed to have sustained a fractured skull while Singley was cut and bruised.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., Dec. 27 (I.N.S.).—Bert Acosta and Emile Burzin plan to take off from the runway here today in their Fokker monoplane "The Splitdorf" on a flight without refuelling. The fliers will carry 500 gallons of gasoline, and will attempt to remain aloft for 60 hours.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 27 (I.N.S.).—Two unmasked youths held up the Peoples Bank here today and escaped with \$25,000 in cash.

SEARCH LAND AND SEA FOR MISSING PLANE

"Los Angeles" and Two Destroyers Comb Air And Water for "Dawn"

GONE SINCE FRIDAY

(By International News Service)

Search was pushed on land and sea and in the air today for the missing amphibian plane "Dawn."

Facing weather none too promising, the dirigible "Los Angeles" this morning was between Cape Cod and Nova Scotia flying northward in the hope that in some hidden inlet or on some stretch of water not quickly reached by ships here officers and men might sight the plane.

Since taking off from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, at 5 p. m., last Friday, the "Dawn," carrying Mrs. Frances Grayson, and three men, has not definitely been heard from. Their objective was Harbor Grace, Newfoundland.

The "Los Angeles" will search the waters about Sable Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia, through the day and return to Lakehurst, N. J., tonight. Below the giant ship as she coursed her way were the destroyers "Hahan" and "Sturtevant," also dispatched to search for the missing plane. Searching parties on shore followed the coast line.

Chances that the plane with its daring occupants would be found were regarded as slim by experienced fliers who pointed out that bad weather has prevailed since the plane's departure and unless the ship was in some sheltered cove the high seas would swamp it.

Many were also skeptical of the radio message picked up Sunday which purported to be relaying a distress signal from the plane.

The Canadian Government wireless station at Sable Island announced it had been in communication with the radio operator of the "Dawn" for a few moments on Sunday evening. It was believed that the "Dawn" operator was sending on his emergency set from a point within eighty miles of the island, but an exhaustive search in the vicinity of the Island failed to reveal a trace of the fliers.

ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fenton and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, of Washington street, on Christmas Day.

HOSPITAL BUSY PLACE OVER HOLIDAY PERIOD

Philadelphian Treated for Injuries Sustained in Auto Accident

MRS. VAN HORN HURT

Walter R. Bradway, of 2130 North 29th street, Philadelphia, was pinned beneath his machine at Bridgewater, at 7 a. m., yesterday, when the car struck a tree near the site of the new bridge spanning the Neshaminy and overturned.

The driver failed to make the turn, before reaching the bridge, and the car jumped the bank, striking a tree and snapping it in half. The injured man was taken from the wreckage by ambulance.

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—FINAL NOTICE— To All Ex-Service Men of Bristol and Vicinity Last Chance To File Adjusted Compensation Papers

Robert W. Bracken Post, No. 382, American Legion, wishes again to call to the attention of all men who served their country in the late war, that unless they file their claims for adjusted compensation before January 1st, 1928, their chances of receiving this compensation are forever gone. Any ex-service man, whether he is a member of the Legion or not, who has not already filed his claim, should call at the Robert W. Bracken Post rooms on Cedar street tonight or Thursday night, and there will be members of the Post present who will be glad to assist in filling out the necessary papers. Those who are unable to go to the Post rooms on these dates may call at the upholstering shop of Robert Clark, Jr. any day up until January 1st, and he will gladly assist in filling out the papers. The upholstering shop is located on Market street, below Wood street. Remember, there are only a few days more and every ex-service man who has not filed his claim owes it to himself and his family to take advantage of the compensation. Five hundred to a thousand dollars, and in some cases even more, might come in real handy some day, and all that is necessary to insure these amounts, whatever they may be, is five or ten minutes filling out a paper.

On account of the holiday season, the Bracken Post's membership drive has been extended to February 1st. It is hoped that all the ward captains and workers will get busy after the holidays and bring in the members. The membership roll is getting bigger each week now, but after the New Year "WATCH ROBERT W. BRACKEN POST GROW."

Hundreds of Gifts Are Given To Children Here

Hundreds of kiddies were made happy Christmas eve when American Legion and associated organizations distributed several hundred gifts to them at the community Christmas tree.

There was a short address by John Leslie Kilcoyne, Esq., and three Christmas carols were sung. The exercises were very brief due to the cold.

IRATE MOTHER DEFIED OFFICIALS OF SCHOOL

Refuses To Pay Fine for Son's Non-Attendance At Sellersville

WANTED TO GO TO JAIL

SELLERSVILLE, Dec. 27.—Incensedly reiterating her chant of battle: "Send me to jail, I'll never pay," Mrs. Emily Tarnow, a widow, about forty years old, who owns a large farm in West Rockhill township, defied Pennsylvania school laws and constituted authority for hours, in this borough. Her insistence upon being committed to Bucks county prison, Doylestown, for five days rather than pay fine and costs amounting to \$6.45, worried Justice Andrew C. Groff and deeply pained Sellersville school directors, fearful of criticism for sending a woman within prison walls on the eve of Christmastide.

Deaf to all argument, the obstinate widow, ready to be a martyr to her own sense of right and justice, refused all suggested compromises. "Go ahead, send me to jail, if you think you have the right," she told Joseph W. Morroy, president of the Sellersville Board. "You'll never get a cent out of me."

Mrs. Tarnow was arrested on her farm in West Rockhill, a few miles from this place, by Chief of Police Frank Hallman, on a warrant issued at the instance of William Althouse, truant officer for the Sellersville School Board. The writ asserted she had violated the compulsory education law in permitting her son, Julius, fourteen years old, a pay student in the eighth grade of the Sellersville school, to be absent from nine sessions.

Trouble started at the outset of the session for Mrs. Tarnow insisted it was optional entirely with herself whether she sent the boy to Sellersville to school inasmuch as she was paying for his tuition and not the borough.

Pressed for a reason for permitting his non-attendance, the indignant defendant replied that she kept him home to chop wood. "Everybody hasn't the money to buy coal," she said, "and poor people have to get wood to keep warm."

Equally tart was her explanation why, being a taxpayer there, she did not send the boy to the West Rockhill township school. "I want my boy to have a real education," she replied; "I can't get along with that teacher."

Real trouble started when Justice Groff ruled a case had been established, and imposed a \$2 fine with costs amounting to \$4.45. Somebody thought he saw a way out when it was stated Frank, elder son of the prisoner, had peeled bills from a big roll in the morning to accompany an application for a motor license.

"Send Julius out to the farm to tell Frank to come in and pay this fine," a school official suggested hopefully.

"Julius, stay right here," the prisoner exclaimed, menacingly. "I want to go to jail," Julius collapsed.

For more than two hours during the afternoon, Chief Hallman, with the defiant widow in tow toured Sellersville, while various officials considered various ways out of the dilemma. Frank, the elder son, was brought into town from the farm, but the obstinate little woman refused to let him pay for her redemption. She stood pat upon her story that the family needed every dollar it had or could raise and could not afford to help Sellersville school treasury.

Finally Chief Hallman grew weary and ordered an automobile to take his prisoner to Doylestown jail. Then James S. Sellers, a manufacturer and councilman, hastened to Justice Groff's office and made the little widow a Christmas present of her liberty.

"You're free," Chief Hallman told her. "Suit yourself," she retorted. "Don't bother me after this. I won't pay a cent."

By William S. Seal

I. N. S. Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—More than 650,000 World War veterans are facing the loss of their legal right to claim the soldier's bonus, with the time limit for filing applications expiring on January 1, 1928, and congress in adjournment for the holidays until January 4.

The forgetful veterans have two changes, they may file applications in the eight remaining days or depend on congress to pass a new bill giving them more time.

Whether congress will extend the time limit, after the veterans have had several years in which to obtain the adjusted compensation certificates of insurance is problematical.

VISITORS THROG MUNICIPAL BLD'G ON OPENING DAY

Nearly 500 Sign Register On First Day of Public Inspection

800 VISIT THE BUILDING

All Marvel at Its Completeness—Open All Week To The Public

Approximately 800 persons visited the new municipal building and fire station, Pond and Mulberry streets, yesterday—the first day that the building was open for the inspection of the public. The visitors arrived throughout the entire day and evening. A total of 495 signed the visitors' register which was in the office set aside for Burgess Clifford L. Anderson.

Visitors registering came from Bristol and the surrounding towns and those from a distance gave their places of residence as Asbury Park, N. J.; Red Bank, N. J.; Hazleton, Pa.; New York City; Philadelphia; Trenton, N. J.; Camden, N. J.; Fox Chase; Germantown; Geneva, Ohio; Port Jervis, N. Y., and numerous other places.

Those who visited the building marveled at its completeness and its adaptability to the uses for which it was designed. They roamed at leisure throughout the spacious structure and minutely inspected each of the offices and departments and many were the questions asked and all expressed the greatest of admiration over the completeness of the building and its furnishings and the convenience of accessibility to those sections of the buildings which are to be used by the public at large.

The fire station was a source of great interest on the part of the visitors. The apparatus therein was carefully inspected and those who saw it for the first time were amazed at the powerful equipment for the fighting of blazes.

The corridors of the municipal building which are strikingly plain in architecture, impressed the guests as they entered the structure for the first time. It was almost an unanimous expression of opinion that the building appeared much larger in the interior than it looked from the outside. The Council Chamber was a continued source of attraction as the visitors admired the attractiveness of the individual desks and chairs for the councilmen, the desks set aside for the president and secretary and also that portion of the room where the public will find more accommodation than is now provided in the chambers which council has been occupying for so many years.

The police quarters, the jail and the offices throughout the building which are completely furnished, even to the smallest details such as waste baskets and ink stands were a source of much favorable comment.

That portion of the structure set aside for the Department of Public Works, where the work of the Street and Highway Committee, Municipal Water Supply Committee and Sewer Committee will be transacted, was another section over which the visitors waxed enthusiastic.

"This is something of which Bristol should well feel proud," said one guest, and similar expressions of others indicated that they were of like mind.

The guests were greeted throughout the day and evening by representatives of the Police Department and borough officials. Groups of visitors were escorted through the building and each detail explained and a booklet was presented to each visitor as a souvenir of the occasion.

Palms, ferns and potted plants occupying places of prominence along with the holly wreaths in the windows gave a holiday atmosphere to the interior of the structure. There was a large handsome basket of flowers on the desk of Chief of Police John J. McGuckin and a basket of poinsettias on the desk of the President of Council.

The building will be open all of this week for the inspection of the public and a cordial invitation has been extended to all.

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THE UNSOLVED RADIO PROBLEM

In eight months of intensive and unremitting effort, the federal radio commission has accomplished much in improving radio reception for the millions of listeners of the United States. But besides the clearing of the broadcasting channels there still remain many problems to be solved before the job of the commission can really be declared finished.

Good distance reception, entirely free from interference, can never be possible in remote and country districts if 700 stations are to be accommodated on eighty-nine wavelengths. After February 1 the commission proposes to find a way of silencing 300 stations with due regard for the constitutional rights of the owners.

But elimination of 300 stations will still leave more broadcasters than wave lengths, so the commission must schedule many of the smaller stations for the purpose of dividing broadcasting time between them. The general enforcement of such time-sharing by stations, without loss of program value to the public, is one of the painstaking tasks ahead for the commission.

What will the control board do with the 300 new applications for broadcasting licenses? Some of these are better equipped to provide good programs than certain stations now operating, but can the commission grant new licenses at the same time that it is revoking old ones by the wholesale? Here will be a true test of the commission's powers.

The problem is still further complicated by 400 applications from old stations for permission to increase their power. Higher power means better local service, but to grant these increases on the scale demanded would ruin long-distance broadcasting.

ATTACKING A PROBLEM

It begins to look as though real progress is being made by the national movement to bring about more effective administration of justice in criminal cases. Lawyers and judges everywhere are awake to the situation and legislatures in many states have taken definite steps to bring about necessary and possible reforms. The National Crime Commission recommended some of these reforms.

There are many criminal lawyers in the United States who could prepare a learned and voluminous brief which might lead the average layman to suppose that adoption of any or all of these reforms would cause the heavens to fall and the bulwarks of American liberties to crumble. For generations the public has been giving heed to the declarations of these legal pullbacks, and decade after decade they and their tribe have been permitted to thwart a national desire for a vastly improved system of criminal procedure. Too many cooks spoil the broth and too many lawyers have spoiled the law. Here, as elsewhere, the most dangerous enemy of any speciality is the specialist himself.

Some twenty recommendations have been made by the National Crime Commission. Some of the reforms advocated strike rather deep, and yet there is not one of them which does not appear to embody common sense rectified by long years of practical experience in criminal procedure. The tendency is along the lines of simplicity, good sense and a real justice not warped out of recognition to conform to endless technical considerations which lost their force a century ago.

Echoes of the Past

By Old Timer

In the article written last week I mentioned the name of "Uncle Josie" Tomlinson in connection with the business of killing hogs. "Uncle Josie" also had acquired a reputation as a walker, and although well advanced in years, there was not a young man in the town who could keep pace with him. He always walked fast, and the writer can see him now, in memory, coming down the street, his arms drawn well up to his shoulders, and stepping it up at a rapid rate. When crossing the street he would always hop up the curb on the opposite side. Somehow, the boys found something funny in this action, and would imitate "Uncle Josie" in their play.

One day the papers announced that Weston, the world-famous walker, would pass through Bristol. "Uncle Josie" realized that the time had come when he could test his ability as a walker with a world's champion, and so he met Weston at the canal bridge, and down Otter street the two walked side by side. Weston was then in his prime, and the old gentleman at his side furnished him with lots of amusement. He kept increasing his speed, testing out his competitor, until the buttonwood trees at the sand hole were reached, when he made a spurt and "Uncle Josie" was left in the rear. Mr. Tomlinson lived to a ripe old age, and was one of the best known men in Bristol. He had two daughters, one of whom, Miss Lizzie, started her career as a teacher in the Otter street public school; the other became the wife of the late J. Wesley Wright.

"Bunker Hill" was the name given to an upheaval of land which arose out of the marsh east of Otter street. A road lead to the hill from the main land, but at high tide this was covered and the hill became an island, being entirely surrounded by water. Otter creek skirted its southern side, furnishing a place for the boys to bathe. The northern side was steep, and down its precipitous slopes the boys would coast in winter. A man named Fiddle, and his wife, occupied an old canal boat for a home, which had become a permanent fixture on the northern side of the hill. Mr. Fiddle kept a flock of geese, and during the day he allowed them to run wild, rounding them up at the end of the day. Hardly a boy of that day who lived in that locality escaped the experience of being chased by Mr. Fiddle's geese. Mr. Fiddle dealt in bones and old iron, and by collecting and

selling these articles to him the boys got their spending money. After a residence of many years, the Fiddles moved out of town, and one winter's night, during a severe snow storm, somebody set the old canal boat on fire. It made a wonderful sight, and as the fire occurred early in the evening, most of the people in the town were attracted to the spot. When the railroad company decided to change the course of its tracks south of Mill street, and increase the number of tracks from two to four, old "Bunker Hill" was purchased, and the gravel used to build the embankment. Thus passed into oblivion one of Bristol's old landmarks.

At the period of which I am writing, the town was lighted by gas lights, placed at the corner of the streets. A colored man named "Munce," who owned a little horse and wagon, and sold ice cream around the town during the day, was the lamplighter. On moonlight nights the lamps were not lighted, but on other nights the lamps were lighted at dusk and turned out at 11 o'clock. The gas house was in charge of a gentleman named William Bailey, who was nicknamed "Gas House Bill," in order to differentiate

between him and another gentleman by the same name, who resided in the town. Between the gas house and Otter street was a field through which in later years Swain, Linden, Locust, Maple, Pearl, Green and Millin streets were laid out, and because a gentleman named Walter Lantz was interested in this development, the locality became known as Laingtown, a name which has clung to it even until today. In a recent speech, Thomas Scott, cashier of the Farmers National Bank, referring to his early association with the boys from that locality, called them Laingtowners. The boys who resided on Otter street were called "Pikers," and those from the fourth ward, "Kettlers." The locality around

Adams Hollow Creek was known as "The Hollow."

A row of houses which had been erected on the west side of the railroad, at the old Bristol station, had two names, "Badbug Row" and "Rotten Row." Mulberry street extended across the tracks, affording an entrance to this street. More about this locality will be left for a later article.

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SYNOPSIS

Fabien, good and handsome youth of France, trains for the priesthood; but meets and loves Manon Lescaut, beautiful orphan, who is coveted by hideous Count Ravaur. Fabien saves her and carries her off to Paris. Circumstances force her to surrender to Ravaur. She rejoins Fabien, and they live so extravagantly that Fabien is forced to capitalize a genius for cards. The King plays Fabien at cards for Manon, accuses him of cheating, gives Manon to Ravaur. After a terrible fight, Manon is carried away; Fabien finds her brother wounded.

CHAPTER XVIII—Continued

"Yes, a generous last thrust from—the Comte." Lescaut smiled ironically with his hand pressed against his breast.

Fabien turned livid with rage. Cursing insanely he rushed to the door that Lescaut had indicated and pulled it open. The room was deserted. Manon had been taken away!

The sound of hostile voices put Fabien on his guard. With all possible speed he bolted the door and dashed across the room to fasten the one through which he had come. It was no sooner done than Richelieu and the Comte, backed by numerous guards, demanded admittance.

Fabien ignored them with a feeling of contemptuous hatred. He knelt at Lescaut's side and began unfastening the wounded man's coat.

"Don't—waste time—with me! Find—Manon. It is—impossible—to cheat—death!" For a moment their hands met in a firm grasp



The Provost's secretary motioned for Fabien to enter.

that wiped away all past grievances. Then Lescaut's head slumped forward and he spoke no more. Fabien clutched the lifeless shoulders helplessly. It was a tender, regretful farewell to the man who had once done him so great a wrong.

The door began to bulge from the combined efforts of the guards. They knew that Fabien must have locked himself in the room and in as much as the King had ordered his capture they were determined to effect it without further delay. The Comte and Richelieu were standing by to see that Fabien was brought to justice. Both of them enjoyed the evening's scandal and were reviewing it somewhat in detail while waiting for the door to be broken down.

Fabien heard the Comte explain. "I persuaded His Majesty that it would be wise to let the girl go—she is such a notorious creature that she would have made sport of his name in public."

"What did he do with her?" Richelieu was intrigued.

"He presented her to me, but I have had her before and am tired of her. Inconstancy. I have consigned her to the Magdalen Prison—she is being driven there even now." The Comte was decidedly pleased with himself.

"Foolish girl!" supplied Richelieu. "She will not find prison cells as comfortable as the soft bed the King would have given her!" Both men laughed uproariously.

Fabien did not wait to hear more. He had learned of Manon's terrible plight and knew that death awaited him—if he were caught. Escape through any one of the doors was a vain hope. Fabien rushed to the window and sized up his chances of getting out that way. It was a long drop to the courtyard below, yet it was his only chance—and he took it! Thick vines, ages old, that covered the walls were a help, and grasping them with frenzied hands Fabien clawed, and swung and fought his way to the ground with a final jump that nearly broke his legs. His hands were bleeding, his clothes were dusty and torn, his head throbbled feverishly and sharp pains tortured the joints in his hips, knees and ankles; but

after a moment he picked himself up and ran with all possible speed toward the open highway and momentary freedom.

Manon in the Prison of the Magdalen! It was unthinkable! What could he do to rescue her? Would he even have time to see her again before the sharp knife of the guillotine fell on his neck and cut her from his memory forever?

CHAPTER XIX

In the midst of this profound dejection and anxiety, Fabien appreciated the fact that a formal satin costume and jewels were too conspicuous and inappropriate for a fugitive to wear along the public highways in the dark morning hours.

The risk of going to his own apartments for a change was too great. Again in his extremity he thought of Tiberge and hastening to his lodging found the faithful friend asleep.

While Fabien exchanged his soiled finery for a very plain jacket and breeches of black he reluctantly related the harrowing events of the night.

It afforded a good opening for a moral lecture and Tiberge tried to make Fabien realize what an irreparable injury he was inflicting upon his conscience, his honor, his family and his career.

"You have such a mild tractable disposition," Tiberge said, "that neither your family, your tutors nor I can understand the excess into which you have fallen."

"I have changed since my student days." It was a simple statement of fact, too self evident to have required utterance.

"Yes," agreed Tiberge, "it is astonishing that with your inherent good qualities and training you could have abandoned yourself to vice."

"You don't understand," Fabien resented the word "vice." "I love Manon. My affection, esteem, passion—what you will—is the greatest and purest thing that has ever come into my life. It is not sinful! It is not wrong! It is just deplorable that circumstances have been against us."

"Then cease trying to combat them and return to a regular and respectable life."

Fabien listened to the advice in a kindly manner, but without the smallest inclination to give up Manon and return to his former mode of life. Tiberge lamented his obduracy and could not agree that Manon, or any woman for that matter, was worth the sacrifices and hardships that Fabien had endured on her account.

An hour later Fabien left Tiberge, for what proved to be the last time, and began plodding his weary and lonely way toward the Prison of the Magdalen.

He wanted to arrive by dawn and explain to the Provost of Police, at the first possible moment, that it was all a horrible mistake for Manon to have been sent there.

Tormenting remembrances of his fatal and unhappy love flashed across Fabien's mind like shadows of the night. One seemed just as vague and temporary as the other and he had no power to control either. Manon's absence—the dread of never beholding her again—the mystery of her fate and the heartache he had caused his family, all formed melancholy thoughts in his overwrought brain.

Manon in the most infamous prison in the world! He had heard criminal stories of the way the women were treated and it seemed impossible for his adorable mistress to be a degraded inmate of the drag place along with the lowest dregs of Parisian womanhood.

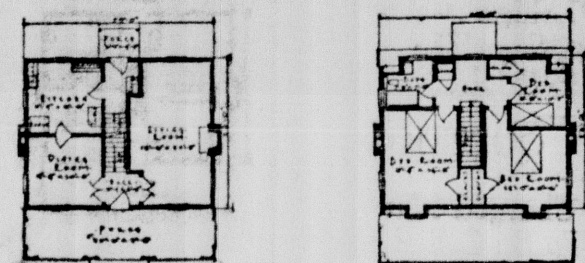
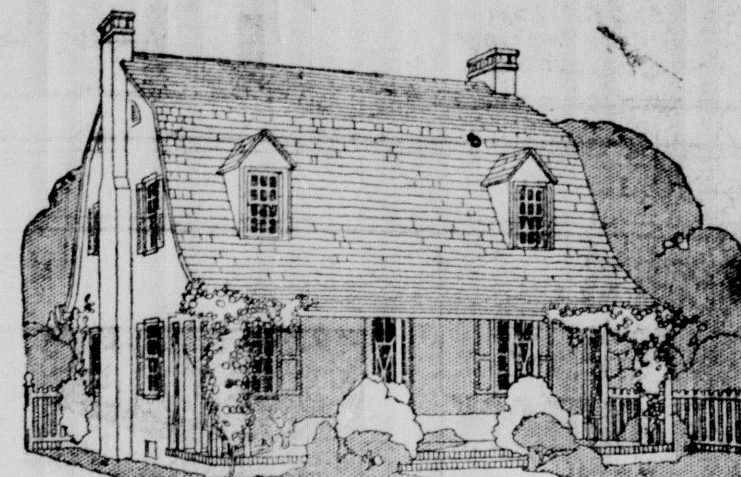
Cost what it might Fabien was so bent upon rescuing Manon that he decided to set fire to the prison if no other mode of escape presented itself.

The sun was just coming up beyond the grim forbidding walls of the prison when Fabien entered the cold barren hall and said to the guard on duty at the desk, "I wish to see the Provost of Police—the man who is in authority regarding Madame Lescaut."

"You are early," observed the guard. "However, the Provost is here. He has been superintending the deportation. Just a moment and I will see if he is through."

After what seemed to be an endless wait the Provost's secretary came out from a private office and motioned Fabien to enter.

It was a grim place. The rugged stone walls and tall, narrow iron barred windows made it feel dark and cold. The floor was bare and the only furnishings were a long desk and two stiff chairs. After his eyes became accustomed to the darkness—the room was lighted only by a few bright streaks from the rising sun that shone through the barred windows—Fabien discerned a man in the shadows. As soon as the door was closed he emerged into the light and faced Fabien with a mocking smile. He was the Comte de Ravaur! (To be continued.)



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Meeting of Sons of Veterans.
Meeting of Bristol Nest of Owls.

The members of Class of 1926 of the Bristol High School will hold a reunion on Wednesday at Hillwood Inn, Trenton, N. J. Among the class members who will participate will be: The Misses Sara Milnor, Marion Arensmeyer, Pearl Wilkinson, Marion Weir, Marie Watson, Dora Thompson, Anna Jeffries, Florence McIlhenny, Sara Weissblatt and Selma Allen and Messrs. William Martini, John Black, James Fox, Samuel Helling, Frank Breece, Marvin McEuen, John Morrell, William Conca, Edgar Opdyke, Guido Nonini, John Smoyer, Jr., Louis Paulmier and Charles Ancker.

—Miss Mary Grimes, of Tarrytown, N. Y., is paying a holiday visit to her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Afflerbach, of Madison street.

—Charles Ancker, Jr., of Cedar street, will be the guest for several days this week of his brother-in-law and sister, in Newark, N. Y.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milnor and son, Wayne and daughters, the Misses Sara and Verna Milnor, of Bath Road, and John Black, of Cedar street, were Monday dinner guests of relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Milnor in Ambler, Pa.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson and family, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are paying a lengthy visit to Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCarron, of Pond street.

—Miss Mary Fine, of 255 Wood street, is the guest for several days this week of friends at Reading, Pa.

—Carmen Fleckenstine, who is attending Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., is passing the Yuletide season with his parents at Newportville, Pa.

—Miss Catherine Armstrong, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Armstrong, of 310 Jefferson avenue, is passing the holiday week in Philadelphia, visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCafferty.

—Miss Mary A. Wilkinson, of 921 Beaver street, was a guest yesterday of Miss Mabel Daniels, of Lansdowne, Pa.

—Miss Edith Atkinson, of Riverton, N. J., was a Christmas Day guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Black, of 204 Cedar street.

—Warren Armstrong, Jr., of 310 Jefferson avenue, returned to his home today from a several days' holiday stay with relatives in Philadelphia.

—James Paulmier, who is attending St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., is spending the Yuletide season with his father in Edgely, Pa.

—On Saturday, Mrs. William Ratcliffe, of 901 Garden street, and Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, of Mansion street, motored to Pitman, N. J., and visited Mrs. Ratcliffe's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Ratcliffe, 2d.

—Edward Wilkinson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was a Christmas dinner guest of his sister, Miss M. A. Wilkinson, of 921 Beaver street.

—Mr. and Mrs. William I. Murphy and family, of Jefferson avenue, were entertained at dinner on Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan, of Lankhorne, Pa.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallace, of Swain street, entertained at a family

dinner on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wallace and family, of Cedar street, and Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace and family, of Washington street, participated.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milnor, of Bath Road, had as guests during last week, Mrs. H. Douglass and daughter, Miss Isabelle Douglass and sons, Meredith, Durell and Van Doren Douglass, Miss Vida Vercoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brooks and son, Douglass, all of Ambler, Pa.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Foelt, of Edgely, Pa., are paying a several days' visit to relatives in Watertown, Pa.

—Mrs. J. Stewart Woodruff, of 235 Madison street, will return to her home on Wednesday from a several days' holiday stay with relatives in Oak Lane, Philadelphia.

—William Conca, who is a student at St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., is passing the Yuletide season with his parents on Lafayette street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mason and daughter, Eda, and son, Richard, Jr., were Christmas week-end guests of Mrs. Mason's sister, Mrs. Augustine Ratcliffe, of 901 Garden street.

—Temple, Edward and James Ratcliffe, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Ratcliffe, of Camden, N. J., spent Monday visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Edith Ratcliffe, of 901 Garden street.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Mulholland, of Bath Road, had as Christmas dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter and sons, Edward and Richard, of Edgely, Pa.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Mahan and daughter, Jane, formerly of Bristol, now of Reading, Pa., spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. Mahan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mahan, of Midway, Pa.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moore, of Otter street, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Force, of Burlington, N. J.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott, of Hempstead, Long Island, have been passing the holidays at the home of

Mr. Abbott's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph deB. Abbott, of Radcliffe street and Jefferson avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crosby, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas week-end at the home of Mrs. Crosby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bunting, of Cedar street.

—Mrs. E. O. Sloan, of Philadelphia, has been a holiday guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, of 925 Beaver street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stackhouse, of Asbury Park, N. J., returned to their home on Monday from a several days' sister, Mrs. Mary L. Gilkeson, of 920 holiday visit to Mrs. Stackhouse's Radcliffe street.

—Mrs. Keim and daughter, Miss Lillias Keim, of Radcliffe street, spent Friday and Saturday in Langhorne, Pa., visiting Mrs. Keim's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fowler.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lardner Morris, of Garden City, Long Island, were holiday guests of Mr. Morris's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Morris, of Radcliffe street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elmer, of 809 Garden street, entertained over the week-end, their relatives, Miss Marie Elmer, Martin Elmer, and John Elmer, of New York City.

—John Smoyer, Jr., who is a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., is passing the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smoyer, of 217 Market street.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon, of Jefferson avenue and Pond street, entertained at dinner on Christmas Day, Mr. Fallon's sisters, the Misses Fallon, of Corson street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wannamaker, of Philadelphia, passed the Christmas week-end at the home of Mrs. Wannamaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durkin, of Washington street.

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—Mrs. Charles Williamsen, of 309 Radcliffe street, has been confined to her home with illness for the past two weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. Mulford Callanan, of Cedar street, and Miss Mary Fine, of Wood street, spent Monday at Atlantic City, N. J.

State News

HARRISBURG, Dec. 27 (I. N. S.)—Business activity of the pre-holiday season was responsible for a slight increase in employment throughout the State, reports of the employment offices of the Department of Labor and Industry today indicated.

Thousands of unemployed throughout the State obtained temporary jobs because of the holiday rush, absorbing idle workers, especially in the larger cities.

The steel trade was reported as generally very dull but several of the reports from the larger manufacturing centers said that present forecasts indicate increased activity during the early months of 1928.

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The beginning of outside work curtailment has aided in swelling the ranks of the unskilled unemployed. The Erie offices reported that as many as 200 unskilled workers applied daily for jobs and that conditions for such men were worse than at any time since the fall of 1924.

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